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NSC BRIEFING

18 June 1953

- 1) Proposed ~~discussed~~ new Soviet foreign policy tactics - probably inspired by Molotov and their relation to events in Berlin - in Czechoslovakia.
- 2) The technique of tension relaxation as peace offensive buildup to create friction among Western powers ~~has~~ apparently backfired behind the Curtain.  
Stalinist technique based on ruthlessness and infallibility reversed with serious consequences for Soviet.

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3) Recent Soviet foreign policy moves cumulative impressive though not directly costly - but represent clear ~~distinct~~ change in rigid line of Stalin policy. EXAMPLE

A) East Germany

(1) Abolishment of Soviet Control Commission.

Military and civil jurisdiction separated and military outwardly subordinated (May 28)

(2) Farm collectivism drive halted and refugees urged returned to their land.

(3) East German church given greater freedom.

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(4) 4,000 prisoners convicted for violating economic law released.

(All above calculated <sup>as</sup> ~~up to~~ way to propagandize ~~for~~ German unity.

B) AUSTRIA

While USSR refused treaty bid made far-reaching unilateral ~~relation~~ moves.

(1) Ended restrictions on goods and persons into Soviet zone.

(2) Appointed ambassador.

(3) Agreed cease interfering with selection of Austrian police.

(4) Offered to sell <sup>hydro-</sup> ~~magnetic~~ plant on Danube west of Vienna.

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C) BALKANS

(1) Proposed to Tito exchange of Ambassadors. (Expressed desire Yugoslavia would reciprocate.)

(2) New diplomatic approach to Greece.

D) MIDDLE EAST

(1) Renounced Soviet claim on Turkish territory.

(2) Made initial move toward resumption of relations with Israel.

(3) Signed party trade agreement with Iran (which under negotiations for more than year).

(4) Soviet ambassador stated plan to submit to Mossadeq proposals for settling ~~all~~ *all* differences.

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(5) Trade - General Soviet proposals to reopen trade and has often stress willingness to take consumers goods (refer Antorg approach - Leonard Buck)

(6) Suggesting exchange manganese and chrome <sup>but not</sup> -- ~~put in~~ tungsten for consumers goods and requested specify 5 types consumers goods desired.

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All foregoing in addition  
to far-reaching internal  
governmental and other changes --  
amnesities, admission of error  
in doctors' plot, clipping of wings  
of MVD, playing down Russification  
in Ukraine, Georgia, Lithuania,  
etc.

Price cuts - bargain sales.

Stalin policy deeply modified.  
Iron hand policy changed;  
relaxation order of day.

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4) Consequences of foregoing  
not lost in Satellite areas but  
apparently bad timing between  
measures taken in Satellites  
and Soviet moves.

5) CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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